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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, N.W.
Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte - Jurisdictional Separations and Referral to the
Federal-State Joint Board, CC Docket No. 80-286**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 25, 2006, the undersigned and Michelle Thomas on behalf of AT&T Inc. and James Williams of Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel, P.L.L.C., met with Tom Buckley, Ted Burmeister, Michael Jacobs, Gary Seigel, and Steve Burnett of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-referenced proceeding. AT&T expressed its support for USTelecom's white paper titled "Paving the Way for Jurisdictional Separations Reform," previously filed in this docket on December 13, 2005. AT&T discussed the need to extend the current separations freeze, on an interim basis, pending Commission implementation of broader separations reform. AT&T also discussed the necessary duration of an interim extension and the procedures for further Commission action regarding Separations.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Linda Vandeloop

cc: Tom Buckley
Ted Burmeister
Michael Jacobs
Gary Seigel
Steve Burnett